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REF: A. USNATO 3078; B. USNATO 3052

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE REVISED VERSION OF THE REPORT ON SPECIALIZATION/RATIONALIZATION AND FIND IT, PARTICULARLY YOUR VERSION OF PARA 12, A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER THE EARLIER VERSION. YOU SHOULD SEEK TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS MADE TO THE REPORT (COMMENTS BELOW ARE KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS OF DRAFT REPORT).

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A. PARA 4: ADD: "AT THIS TIME" TO END OF PARA.

B. PARA 10: DELETE LAST WORD OF PARA, "SPECIALIZATION", AND SUBSTITUTE: "COST EFFICIENCIES." CHANGE INDICATES THAT THE OBJECTIVE IS NOT SPECIALIZATION BUT COST EFFICIENCIES ATTAINED THROUGH VARIOUS MEANS OF WHICH ONE IS SPECIALIZATION.

C. PARA 11: LAST SENTENCE, INSERT BETWEEN "EFFORT" AND "WITH": "AND THEREFORE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO WORK IN CONCERT." CHANGE WOULD BRING FUNCTION OF EWG INTO LINE WITH ACTION CALLED FOR IN PARA 12B. WE WISH TO AVOID THE DIFFICULTIES THAT AROSE DURING THE IMS INVESTIGATION

OF RATIONALIZATION WHERE MANY ISSUES WERE NOT LOOKED INTO BECAUSE THEY WERE UNDER THE PURVIEW OF SOME OTHER NATO BODY OR THE EUROGROUP. AS MANY OF THESE RATIONALIZATION PROPOSALS WILL BE EXAMINED BY SOME OTHER NATO ORGANIZATION, WE WISH TO ENSURE THAT THE EWG DOES NOT RELINQUISH ITS OVERALL COORDINATING ROLE.

D. PARA 12B: INSERT BETWEEN "CONCENTRATING ON THE" AND "AREAS OFFERING": "OVERALL APPROACH AS WELL AS". CHANGE REFLECTS THE US POSITION THAT EWG FUNCTION IS NOT ONLY TO RELEGATE TO SUBGROUPS THE STUDY OF VARIOUS ITEMS BUT TO ARRIVE AT THE METHODOLOGY FOR COORDINATING THESE STUDIES AND THE SUBSEQUENT CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS.

2. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT DELAY THE COMPLETION OF THE EWG REPORT, WE PREFER SOME REFERENCE TO RATIONALIZATION (ALTHOUGH STILL UNDEFINED BY NATO) SINCE A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THE EWG'S TIME DURING THIS PAST SESSION HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO THIS LARGER ASPECT OF EFFICIENCY. THEREFORE YOU SHOULD SEEK TO INSERT THE FOLLOWING AS PENULTIMATE SENTENCE IN PARA 6: "ADDITIONALLY THE EWG HAS EXPLORED THE BROADER RANGE OF EFFICIENCIES AVAILABLE THROUGH RATIONALIZATION AS AN EXPANSION OF THE CONCEPT OF SPECIALIZATION." IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS CHANGE YOU SHOULD SEEK THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL MODIFICATION TO PARA 12B. CHANGE
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FIRST LINE TO BEGIN: "APPROVE CONTINUATION OF THIS EFFORT..." CHANGE INSURES THAT EWG WILL NOT BE LIMITING ITSELF TO SPECIALIZATION IN VIEW OF THE LARGER BENEFITS AVAILABLE FROM RATIONALIZATION. KISSINGER

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